SHE'S NOT ANSWERING HER TEXTS.

SIGN: NANBOKU

I SWEAR ...

...HOW FAR OUT DID KIDO GO SEARCHING FOR THAT GIRL?

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FUNNY, THOUGH...

...I FIGURED MARIE WAS PRETTY OBLIVIOUS, BUT SHE'S BEEN PAYING ATTENTION ALL THE TIME.

...YOU DON'T LIKE HER, KANO?

ZA (SKSHU)

HM?

MAYBE I'LL SLEEP IN A NET CAFÉ INSTEAD...

MAN, I HOPE SHE DOESN'T CORNER ME LIKE THAT WHEN I GET BACK HOME...

WELL, DAMN, WHAT A COINCI-DENCE!

BUT YOU'RE ALONE, KONOHA-KUN?

SO IS KIDO...

WAIT UUUUUP!!!

DO

DO

DO

DO (STOMP)

DO

3F

DA (DASH)

KIKI (SCREECH)

AH!

MAN, I GUESS WE'RE UNITED BY FATE, HUH?

IT'S LIKE WE ALL PLANNED TO MEET UP HERE OR SOMETHIN'.

YOU GUYS...

HUH!?

ALL YOU DID WAS FOLLOW HIM AROUND!

GYAN (WHINE)

STOP ACTING ALL CREEPY LIKE THAT! BESIDES, WHY DID YOU—

YOU FIND HIYORI-CHAN?

...SO?

GYAN

I'VE LOOKED ALL OVER TOWN, BUT NOT YET...

WHAT'S UP?

YOU SEE— OH...

?

HANG ON...

...SO OBA-SAN'S GOT AN ABILITY...?

MY SISTER'S WEIRD KNACK FOR DRAWING ATTENTION TO HERSELF STARTED...

...SOMETIME AROUND GRADE SCHOOL.

BECAUSE OF THAT, SHE WENT THROUGH ALL KINDS OF TERRIBLE STUFF.

THE CREEPY WAY SHE COULD MAKE ANYONE IMMEDIATELY OBSESSED WITH HER...

UNTIL SHE LEARNED TO CONTROL IT, IT WAS HELL ON EARTH FOR HER.

GASA (RUSTLE)

KI
(GLARE)

NOW SHE'S SOME KIND OF POP IDOL, I GUESS...

...BUT SHE'S ALMOST AT THE POINT WHERE SHE CAN LIVE OUT HER LIFE IN PEACE.

SO IF ANYTHING ELSE BAD IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO HER...

...I'M NOT JUST GONNA SIT QUIET.

...HMM.

YOU MUST REALLY CARE FOR YOUR SISTER.

ALL RIGHT.

I'LL GIVE YOU THE WHOLE STORY.

KATAN (CLINK)

WHO KNOWS HOW FAR OUT MOMO WENT LOOKIN' FOR HIYORI-CHAN...

NO DICE.

I CAN'T CONNECT AT ALL.

IF HER ABILITY APPEARED RIGHT AFTER THAT, THEN NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...THE KAGEROU DAZE GOT HER.

THAT'S ABOUT WHEN THE "DRAWING" CHILD ESCAPED FROM AZAMI'S MEMORIES.

SHE ALMOST DROWNED FIVE YEARS AGO...

IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, I COULD SHOW YOU ALL THE MEMORIES I SAW DIRECTLY.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

SU (SHP)

KAGEROU DAZE, THESE EYE ABILITIES ...

...AND THIS SNAKE WITH THE "CLEARING EYES"...

IT ALL SOUNDS LIKE SOME KIND OF JOKE.

HUH!?

SHE ALREADY SHOWED ME. THAT'S WHY I COULDN'T STOMACH ANY FOOD...

OH?

YOU THOUGHT I WAS TRICKING YOU A MOMENT AGO.

YEAH, NO THANKS! YOU ALREADY CONVINCED ME ENOUGH...

I'M JUST SAYIN', IF MY SISTER'S IN MORTAL DANGER, I GOTTA HELP HER.

I...

I DON'T MEAN I BELIEVE EVERY-THING!

GUESS THAT MEANS WE'RE BOTH LOOKING OUT FOR FAMILY, HUH?

I HAVE A COUPLE OF SIBLINGS TOO.

THEY'VE GOT THE SAME EYE ABILITIES.

WHICH MEANS ...

...WE'RE MORE ALIKE THAN DIFFERENT, MAYBE.

UH...

UH...

ANY-WAY!

HFF

ZA (ZSHK)

WELL, THE PERSON THAT SNAKE WENT INTO ANYWAY.

I KNOW FOR A FACT HE'S GATHERING THE SNAKES THAT ASSUMED THE ABILITY USERS' LIVES.

LET'S THINK ABOUT OUR NEXT STEP!

WE GOTTA FIND THE "CLEARING EYES" SNAKE FAST, OR WE'RE SCREWED, RIGHT?

OKAY ...

...BUT WHY IS THIS GUY TRYING TO CREATE A MEDUSA IN THIS WORLD ANYWAY?

LIKE, WHAT'S IN THAT FOR HIM?

THAT'S WHAT IT SAID IN AZAMI'S MEMORIES, BUT I DON'T KNOW MUCH MORE THAN THAT.

THE "CLEARING EYES" SNAKE'S ABILITY INVOLVES MAKING ITS OWNER'S WISHES COME TRUE, SO MAYBE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT...

...SO THE WISH NEVER HAS TO END.

NEVER HAS TO WHAT?

"MAKING WISHES COME TRUE," HUH...?

UH...

HEY...

THIS SNAKE WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT...

ASSUMING WE FIND THE GUY IT'S POSSESSING, WHAT DO WE DO THEN?

...WATCH HIM, I GUESS. KEEP HIM FROM MOVING AROUND.

OKAY...

...BUT THEN WHAT?

YOU TOLD ME YOURSELF...

...ABOUT HIYORI.

YOU SAID SHE MIGHT BE HERE IN THE "WORST POSSIBLE FORM" SHE COULD BE...

...HEY.
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?

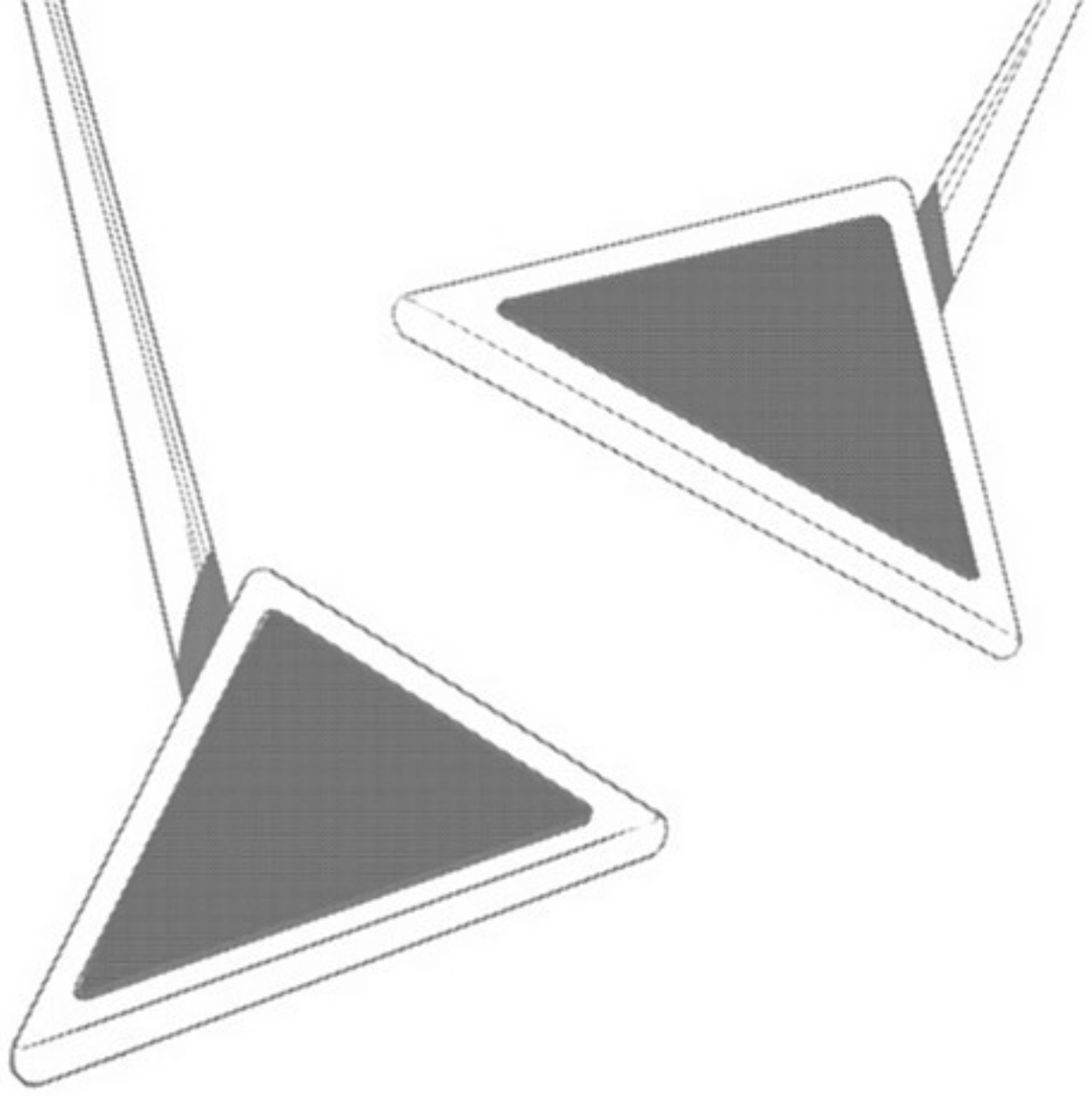
"I'M TRYING TO GIVE THIS TO YOU, YOU KNOW."

SIGN: JUVENILE CARE FACILITY: SOUAI-EN

"IT'D BE WEIRD FOR SOMEONE TO DIE RIGHT NEXT ME, ALL RIGHT?
SO I THOUGHT I'D GIVE THIS TO YOU!"

...KIDO.

HUH...?



KAGEROU DAZE